

The ability of the network to span continents and cultures is a testament to the commitment of its members and a model of best practice for the humanitarian community

~ Ban Ki Moon, Secretary General of the United Nations

Key Highlights for 2015



Setting Global Standards for Urban Search and Rescue:

- ✓ Launch of the INSARAG Guidelines 2015, which is the cornerstone of INSARAG's work. The Guidelines will ensure that our standard setting is leading-edge and reflects the best practice of the network.
- ✓ In 2015, the First Responder Training package is launched, and the revision of the -Earthquake Response Exercise package is being progressed.
- ✓ 10 IEC/IERs completed in 2015; TOTAL 45 IEC-classified teams globally

The preparedness tools that INSARAG offers the world will undoubtedly help to reduce vulnerability and manage risk at national and international levels

~ Mr Stephen O'Brien, Under Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs and UN Emergency Relief Coordinator



2nd INSARAG Global Meeting in Abu Dhabi

- ✓ 313 attendees from 94 countries and organisations
- ✓ With the Team Leaders' Meeting, 3 Regional Meetings and the 3 Working Group meetings, this is the biggest event in INSARAG's 25 year history.
- ✓ Recognised the exceptional leadership of outgoing Global Chair, Ambassador Toni Frisch, and welcomed the incoming Global Chair, Ambassador Manuel Bessler.

- ✓ Signing of reaffirms the 2002 on of international 2020. The Humanitarian



INSARAG Abu Dhabi Declaration 2015, which commitment to the UNGA resolution 57/150 of 'Strengthening the effectiveness and coordination urban search and rescue assistance' from 2015 to Declaration will be brought to the World Summit in Istanbul, Turkey in 2016

Ambassador Frisch has led INSARAG from infancy into the robust and extensive network it is today. The INSARAG Guidelines and methodologies have successfully maintained their neutral standing, evidenced by their acceptance in over 80 countries. Ambassador Frisch's attention and dedication have nurtured this growth and success and many other INSARAG achievements.

~ Mr Jesper Holmer Lund, Chief, Field Coordination Support Section and Secretary of INSARAG



INSARAG Teams during the Nepal earthquake crisis

- ✓ 76 international Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) teams, including 18 IEC-classified teams, were deployed
- ✓ 16 lives saved by international USAR teams
- ✓ The IEC-classified teams led the coordination of ground rescue operations using the new INSARAG methodology in the INSARAG Guidelines 2015.

The people of Nepal will always remember your contribution to us at this time.

~ Rameshwar Dangal, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of Nepal

YEAR in 2015

45 INSARAG
Classified Teams
Globally

1 USAR Capacity
Assessment Mission –
Thailand

1
INSARAG
Global
Meeting –
Largest
event in
INSARAG
History

2 Earthquake
Exercises –
Mongolia, Chile

Contribution to
Nepal Earthquake

5 IEC / 5 IER
Japan, New
Zealand, Saudi
Arabia, France
(PUI), Czech
Republic, Armenia,
Denmark, Belgium,
Estonia and Qatar

Upcoming in 2016

Events in Numbers

2 IEC's: Malaysia and
Russia

9 IER's: USA, Spain (2),
UK, Austria, Russia,
Turkey, Korea, Lithuania,

1 UCC Training of Trainers
Pilot Course: UK

3 Earthquake Response
Exercise in all 3 regions

INSARAG Steering Group Meeting, Team Leaders' Meeting, 3
Regional Meetings and Working Group Meetings

In 2016...

- The 2016 INSARAG Regional Chairs:
Americas: Columbia
AEME: Netherlands
Asia-Pacific: China
- INSARAG Guidelines 2015 –
Implementation
- Pilot UCC Training of Trainers
- Partnerships discussions with
International Civil Defence
Organisation (ICDO)
- Implementation of revised
Earthquake Response Exercise
Package and First Responders
Package
- Strengthening partnerships with
regional and technical partners
- Exploring initiatives to empower the
regions

The world is changing as are the challenges facing us in the wake of major earthquakes and humanitarian disasters... That's why the theme of this year's Global Meeting is 'Fit for the Future'. This will keep INSARAG relevant for another 25 years and beyond.

~ Mr Manuel Bessler, Global Chair of INSARAG.

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